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Bling Ring Defendant, Friend Charged with Stalking, Solicitation of Rape

A man convicted in the so-called Bling Ring case, which involved a series of burglaries of celebrity homes, and an acquaintance have been charged with stalking a West Hollywood esthetician and soliciting a man to rape her, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Nicholas Prugo (dob 11/13/90) and Edward Feinstein (dob 2/13/84) have been charged in case BA439593 with one count each of solicitation to commit sexual assault and three counts each of stalking.

Prugo, who was taken into custody today, is scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday in Department 30 at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center. Prosecutors will ask that his bail be set at \$485,000. Feinstein, who was released on \$450,000 bail, is scheduled to be arraigned on Oct. 6 in the same department.

Deputy District Attorney David Reinert with the Sex Crimes Division is prosecuting the case.

Between Dec. 1, 2013, and April 1, 2014, Prugo and Feinstein allegedly participated in an ongoing scheme to harass Dawn Daluise and her two adult daughters. On Jan. 22, 2014, Prugo and Feinstein allegedly posted an ad on an Internet website soliciting men to go to Daluise's home to rape her.

If convicted, Prugo faces up to 14 years in state prison because of his prior conviction. Feinstein faces up to seven years in county jail.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Fraud and Cyber Crimes team.

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